

302 MINERS KILLED

Explosion in German Mine Causes One of the Greatest Disasters of History--Of 380 Miners Working in Coal Mine, But Six Escape Death or Injury---Many Are Imprisoned by Fire

San Francisco Votes a Big Bond Issue

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12.—The municipal water supply project commonly known as the Hetch-Hetchy supply, was carried at the election held today by a majority approximating six to one, and issuance of bonds in the amount of \$600,000, with the proceeds of the sale of which the Tuolumne county water supply will be purchased, was also authorized. The source of the municipal water supply will be Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy valley in Tuolumne county, all lying within the watershed of the Tuolumne river.

The system as it will be constructed has been worked out in every detail by the city engineers and it is stated that when completed San Francisco will have a water supply second to none in the country. The bond issue authorized today is but a small portion of the total expense involved in the project. It is estimated that it will take \$43,000,000 to acquire all the necessary rights and purchase the distribution system in the city as well as build a transmission line. The total vote polled today was 41,007, divided as follows: For Hetch - Hetchy, 34,850; against, 578.

Bryan Thanks Gompers for His Support

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Nov. 12.—At the close of today's session of the twenty-eighth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, President Samuel Gompers, in thanking the speakers of the day, said he had heard since coming to Denver it was intended by the present session of congress to pass a bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law in a way detrimental to the labor movement. He said if the attempt is made he would fight it in the halls of congress. At the request of Gompers the secretary then read a letter from William J. Bryan, in which he thanked President Gompers and other members of the federation for the support given him during the recent presidential campaign. With the exception of two reports made at the morning session, the entire day was spent in listening to reports and fraternal and other addresses.

A DEADLY RAILWAY RECORD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—There were 3746 persons killed and 68,989 injured in railroad casualties in the United States during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, according to the announcement of the interstate commerce commission today. This is a decrease of 1236 killed and 3297 injured as compared with the previous year.

MONEY FOR FRISCO.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—The local sub-treasury transferred today \$500,000 to San Francisco.

TAPS SOUND FOR

ADMIRAL MILLER

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 12.—Rear Admiral James M. Miller, governor of the United States naval home in this city, died yesterday after a brief illness. He was 61 years old and was appointed to the navy from Missouri in 1863. He commanded the cruiser Columbia, later coming to the Philadelphia navy yard, where he commanded the receiving ship Lancaster. He had been in charge of the naval home for the last year and a half.

DRUNKEN MEXICAN

WAS SMOKED UP

NOGALES (Ariz.), Nov. 12.—An unknown Mexican, crazed with drink, ran amuck here last night and after running up and down the streets shooting into buildings, started to cross the international boundary line, where he shot at a guard. The guard returned the fire with a revolver, killing the Mexican. The guard was arrested by the Mexican authorities pending an investigation, which is the customary procedure.

Fight carnival at the Big Casino tonight. 11-13

Heartrending Scenes Occurred as Bodies Were Brought to the Surface--Rescue Attempts Impossible.

(By Associated Press.)

HAMM (Westphalia, Germany), Nov. 12.—The greatest mine disaster for many years in Germany occurred this morning at the Badbed mine, three miles from here. There was a heavy explosion about 4 a. m. and almost immediately the mine took fire. Of the 380 miners working under ground at the time only six escaped without injury. Thirty-five men were taken out badly hurt and thirty-seven were dead when brought to the mouth of the pit. The remaining 302 have been given up for lost.

The explosion was unusually violent, destroying one of the shafts, which had to be partially repaired before the rescue work could begin. In addition to the flames, the smoke proved an almost insurmountable obstacle in the early efforts of rescuing parties. The special corps of men who rendered such valuable aid in the mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March, 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine, being forced to await the result of the efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

In the meantime, heartrending scenes took place at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospitals.

By 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway and later in the afternoon, after a consultation, the engineers decided that any further attempt to rescue the entombed miners would be in vain, owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

First reports indicated the accident was the result of an explosion of coal dust, but statements of the injured men render this improbable, and it is not clear just what caused it.

SHERMAN AND TAFT RESTING

(By Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS (Va.), Nov. 12.—President-elect Taft was joined here today by Vice President-elect Sherman, who said he had come to the Virginia mountains to rest and play for a week. He met Judge Taft on the veranda of the Homestead hotel, and the two exchanged cordial greetings.

Representative Burton of Ohio arrived today and will spend ten days, and Senator Burkett of Nebraska spent the day here. He came to discuss legislation, and said he found Taft in favor of pushing a postal savings bank bill at the next session of congress. Senator Scott of West Virginia, Mrs. Scott and Senator Bourne of Oregon were also arrivals today.

MURDERER'S NECK SAVED

(By Associated Press.)

RENO, Nov. 12.—The state board of pardons, in special session at Carson this afternoon, commuted the sentence of Buckaroo Jack, an Indian, to life imprisonment. The Indian was sentenced to hang tomorrow for murder.

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OIL CASE WON'T BE DROPPED

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—Following the recent action of the circuit court of appeals of Chicago in refusing the United States government a rehearing in the Standard Oil case, made famous by its \$29,000,000 fine, the department of justice tonight decided to take the case to the supreme court of the United States. Application will be made to the supreme court when it reconvenes November 30th for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals.

A NEGRO GOT THIRTY YEARS

SPARTANSBURG, S. C., Nov. 12.—John Irby, a negro, was today convicted of attempting a criminal assault on Miss Lella Dempsey and was sentenced to serve thirty years in the penitentiary, the limit. When court convened two companies of militia were on duty in the court house, which was crowded. Judge Schumpere dismissed the troops and made an appeal to the people to aid him in preserving order and enforcing the law. The judge was wildly cheered.

THE METAL MARKET.
NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Lead, steady, 4.37½ @ 4.40; copper, quiet, 14½ @ 14 5-8; silver, 50.

Big Mining Suit is on in Idaho

(By Associated Press.)

WALLACE (Idaho), Nov. 12.—The January Mining company has sued the Bunker Hill and Sullivan Mining company for the recovery of \$7,300,000, alleged to be the value of ore taken from a disputed vein in the last three years, and for the control of the famous Wardner vein, from which tens of millions of dollars worth of ore have been extracted.

The January Mining company, an Oregon corporation, claims to own the Republican Fraction lode claim in the Yreka Mining district, which came into possession of that company by means of transfers from the Federal Mining and Smelting company to Frank Post of Spokane, and by Post to the January company. The January company sues for recovery of these amounts and to quiet title to the Wardner vein and Fraction lode claim. Two other suits involving millions of dollars are pending against the Bunker Hill company at the instance of the Federal Mining and Smelting company on much the same proposition.

Six Chinese Smugglers Are Drowned

(By Associated Press.)

BUFFALO, Nov. 12.—A motor boat containing ten Chinamen and three white men was wrecked on the breakwater off the foot of Michigan street early today. Six Chinese were drowned or dashed to death against the seawall. Four survivors were rescued by the crew of a police boat. The three whites escaped and tonight the police are looking for them, as they are suspected of being engaged in smuggling Chinese into this country from Canada.

Mick Quong, one of the rescued Chinamen, speaks fairly good English. He told the immigration inspectors that the ten Chinamen left Toronto a week ago and had been lodged on the Canadian side of the lake opposite Buffalo, awaiting a favorable opportunity to make a landing in the United States. Last night they were taken by three white men and placed in a motor boat. They had been out about half an hour when the wind blew up strong and the waves became very rough. The white men apparently were unable to manage the boat, and headed her for the wall. All but one white man were thrown out and he managed to land on the rocks. The bodies of four Chinese were taken from the water. The other two were so tightly wedged in the rocks it is impossible to get them out until the water becomes calmer.

ESPEE DIRECTORS DECLARE DIVIDEND

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Directors of the Southern Pacific company have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent on common stock and a regular semi-annual dividend of 3½ per cent on preferred stock. The Union Pacific directors declared a regular quarterly dividend of 2½ per cent on common stock.

FARMERS AT NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 12.—The National Farmers' Educational and Co-operative union opened in this city today. Governor Hoke Smith and other prominent Georgians are coming. Among the subjects which will be discussed are "night riding" in the south, and a plan to build a mammoth cotton storage warehouse at New Orleans.

Two good fight events at Big Casino tonight. 11-13

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STOCK MARKET MORE QUIET

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—Transactions in stocks underwent a decided shrinkage from the recent speculative activity today. Accompanying shrinkage in business was a waning and uncertain movement of prices. The tendency at all times was hesitating and market movements were exceedingly spotty and uneven. There was no stock market which has a more symmetrical influence ordinarily on the market than United States steel, rose today to 56 3-4, eclipsing more than a point any price ever before touched in the history of corporation, was a remarkable demonstration. Bonds were irregular.

Sid Humphreys and H. Trout go six rounds at the Big Casino tonight. Everybody welcome.